

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The reapplication of:

Hikaru TAKAKURA et al

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 8, 2003, petition and payment for a one month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

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